

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 5 through 11, 16 through 20, 25 through 29 remain pending. Claims 1, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 25 are hereby amended. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification, particularly Figures 2, 3, 8 through 11, 13 through 16, 18 through 21, and 23. No new matter has been added. Claims 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 are hereby canceled.

Claims 1 through 34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,392,640 (issued May 21, 2002) to Will, of record, [hereinafter “Will”] in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,310,634 (issued Oct. 30, 2001) to Bodnar et al, of record, [hereinafter “Bodnar”].

Independent Claims 1 and 25

Independent claims 1 and 25 have been amended to provide the features of adding a most probable completion alternative to a content string entry line of the display, and adding a second completion alternative for a second input, where the second completion alternative is either a most probable combination of the most probable first character selected from a first set of textual characters and a most probable second character selected from a second set of textual characters, or a most probable second sub-string, where the second sub-string begins with a most probable first character and a most probable second character and includes at least a most probable third character.

The invention as described by claims 1 and 25 as amended is patentably distinct from *Will*, and from *Will* and *Bodnar* individually and in combination. *Will* describes a system

requiring various separate or multiple menus, distinct from the content string entry line of the display. See Will, FIG. 1A, 1B, 1C, 5, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, etc. *Will* discloses a system where a user must move a cursor to a separate word selection menu to select a word to be entered into a content string entry line. See Will, col. 2, lines 42-51.

Claims 1 and 25 as amended recite key selection inputs. *Will* teaches away from claims 1 and 25 in that “a miniature keyboard such as could be embodied in such a small device would be tedious and slow to use, and not necessarily better than the present device.” See Will, col. 6, lines 9-15.

Will and *Bodnar*, whether individually or on combination, do not disclose all limitation of claims 1 and 25 as amended. Further, *Will* teaches away from claims 1 and 25 as discussed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claims 1 and 25 is respectfully requested.

Claims 5 through 11 and 16 through 20 depend from and include all limitations of, independent claim 1 as amended. Claims 26 through 29 depend from, and include all limitations of, independent claim 25 as amended. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claims 5 through 11 and 16 through 20 is respectfully requested based on the reasoning provided above for claim 1 and claim 25, respectively.

CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant(s) has/have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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